

*Mr. Narasimha Kammathi of Shertallay (Nominated)* said that in many cases larger areas than necessary were now left as poramboke on the banks of lakes, canals, &c.

*Reply.*—The suggestion is good and will be followed as far as possible.

55. Empowering Tahsildars to dispose of poramboke cases.

*Mr. G Sankaranarayana Iyer (Shencottah)* represented that it would ensure the speedy disposal of poramboke cases, if Tahsildars could be empowered to pass final orders on them, instead of their being permitted only to hold an enquiry under authority from the Peishcar and submit a report, as was now done.

*Mr. Sattanathan Karayalan (Shencottah)* also spoke on the subject.

*Reply.*—Some of the members said yesterday that Tahsildars have been already saddled with a multiplicity of duties and it is not desirable to give them still more work. When a petition in a matter like this is presented to the Peishkar, he ordinarily refers it to the Tahsildar. So the very officer whom you desire to dispose of it will be available to inspect the spot and hold the enquiry. The final disposal alone remains with the Peishkar. Government do not consider it expedient in these cases to go below Division Assistants as adjudicating officers.

56. Supply of information as to the best means of draining punja lands, to the Agricultural Association, Changanachery.

*Mr. Dominic Thomman (Agricultural Association, Changanachery)* stated that the agricultural implements now used in the State were primitive and that the foreign machines available in the market were unsuited to local conditions. In small isolated areas covering punja lands of 10 to 100 acres, the machines now in use did not serve their purpose and the employment of human agency involved waste of energy. He suggested that Government might publish a clear specification of the machine required and offer a substantial reward or guarantee a large sale for the approved pattern, in which case model water-wheels would spring into existence and the ryots owning punja lands would largely benefit thereby.

*Reply.*—If the Association only want information, they might